

Emperor 5341

Chapter 5341: The Dragonslayer Becomes The Evil Dragon

Timewatcher laughed and said: “Big Bro, fine, I’ll go with you to deal with Supreme, let’s see who is fiercer.”

“No, you need to take care of Xiao Hu.” Hallowed refused.

“You know taking care of a child is not my expertise, I will only steer your disciple in the wrong direction. That’s too big of a sin for me to handle, let me go with you.” Timewatcher said.

“Then I won’t ask you for help.” Hallowed refused right away.

“Big Bro, am I not a capable conqueror? I can take care of at least three to five enemies.” Timewatcher complained, wanting to join the battlefield instead.

“You wish to die.” The old servant spoke to Hallowed.

“Killing Supreme is easier said than done, it is a suicidal endeavor.” Hallowed admitted.

“As I’ve said, kill Illumination first. Find All-things and Sword Queen, that should be enough. Otherwise, the heart of The People is forever separated.” Li Qiye casually said.

"I agree wholeheartedly. Sure, many praised Illumination for protecting The People but that's all in the past. Now, he is misguided and wants to kill all of The Race, that's just nonsense." Timewatcher responded, not having the same reservation on the topic as Hallowed or the old servant.

"Let me be frank, all the disasters in this world are caused by powerful cultivators such as us. Let's not talk about the previous epochs or anything but after the calamity was relative peace. Celestial Court had to ruin that with devastating wars. How many mortals lost their lives because of us?" He said with a bitter smile: "It's so meaningless. Must one side be eradicated at all costs? If this is Illumination's intention, he is no different from a devil and The People doesn't need him."

Hallowed and the others understood this but hesitated on being so vocal.

"Illumination is certainly the culprit. The same tragedies will start because of him." The old servant said.

"You are absolutely correct, Dao Brother. He is hellbent on revenge while trying to justify it with numerous excuses. Perhaps he is actually considering himself as a noble protector of The People." Timewatcher clapped in response.

Many praised Illumination for standing up against Heaven Alliance and The Race alone. This stemmed from back when he was a young mortal - his whole family and lover were killed by a member of The Race.

The exact details eluded future generations. However, a trustworthy account consisted of them being mere casualties from a battle between powerful cultivators.

The shockwaves alone must have killed everyone with the exception of the lucky conqueror. During the aftermath, he swore to avenge his loved ones by eradicating The Race.

He was indeed brilliant, able to reach the top despite his humble background. Nonetheless, his reign caused some of the fiercest battles between the two sides. This only ended with Puresun Dao Lord's involvement, his banishment, and the Pact of Blessed.

Prosperity came during his absence. This only shifted recently with Supreme's rise and the abdication of Principle Conqueror.

"The dragonslayer will become the evil dragon." Li Qiye said.

"That's the perfect way to describe this." Timewatcher agreed: "He hasn't thought about how the true culprits are powerful cultivators, not The Race. Every one of us here had killed too many innocent mortals, we are heinous villains."

Cultivators didn't like to hear this grim truth. Illumination became a cultivator for the sake of vengeance, ignoring all the new victims he created along the path.

"Yes." The old servant sighed.

"But have any of us repented? No, I haven't either." Timewatcher smiled.

"Our hands might be stained with blood and we have failed to protect the mortals. However, we can stop fighting, I am trying hard to do so." The old servant said.

"We know of your recent efforts and respect you for it. I can't say the same about my idle and useless self." Timewatcher said.

“Just protecting your dao heart is already benefiting the world.” Li Qiye said: “As for becoming protectors and saviors, that’s just the process of becoming evil dragons.”

Everyone thought about Illumination Conqueror after hearing this. He claimed to be the protector of The People and started many wars.

Top cultivators suffered grievous losses, let alone mortals. So was he protecting The People or pushing them down the cliff?

On the other hand, a playboy such as Timewatcher was far from being a protector. Although he had also killed many during his cultivation quest, he didn’t start wars.

“You are right, Sir.” Hallowed and the old servant bowed.

“I suppose we should shift our focus to Illumination first before dealing with Supreme. Otherwise, when Supreme marches an army to Dao Alliance, he would find that it is already broken.” Timewatcher concluded.

“We have to help All-things then.” Hallowed said.

Chapter 5342: The Crux Of The Issue

“Dao Brother, have you always advocated coexistence?” The old servant told Hallowed.

“Yes, I agreed with All-things’ proposal back then. Fortunately, Puresun Dao Lord stepped in and ended the conflict so I went to live a simple life.” Hallowed said.

He was once a pillar of The People and had joined Dao Alliance, agreeing with harmony and peace. He knew that there was no point in fighting wars against The Race.

Even if Illumination had managed to wipe out The Race from the upper two continents, what about the lower continents and the immortal continent?

There were immensely powerful cultivators in the latter, meaning the destruction would be out of control. There was no guarantee they would be the victors but one thing was for certain - mortals would definitely be massacred.

The subsequent Pact of Blessed allowed Hallowed to step back and open a noodle shop to live in peace.

“That’s why Supreme started with you, he’s no different from Illumination. Since you had advocated peace, killing you will infuriate the conquerors and dao lords of The People. They will retaliate by attacking Heaven Alliance and breaking the pact. With that, Supreme would have the perfect clarion call.” Timewatcher said.

“Well, I’m still alive.” Hallowed said.

“Supreme doesn’t participate in battles that he isn’t confident in winning.” The old servant said.

Timewatcher and Hallowed had great respect for the old servant so they took his opinion rather seriously.

“Hmm, what does he have up his sleeve?” Timewatcher wondered.

Unfortunately, due to the old servant's special identity, he didn't elaborate despite not being on Supreme's side.

"Could be a plan with Divine Alliance." Timewatched continued.

"Heaven and Divine shall join while The People are still suffering from internal strife." Li Qiye said with a smile.

"Is The People prepared for an actual war? Otherwise, they'll lose during the apex skirmishes." Li Zhitian commented.

"Right, it is still the battles between the apex cultivators that will decide the outcome." Hallowed agreed.

"The Race has Supreme, Swordsea Dao Lord, Eternal Conqueror, Immortal Pagoda Conqueror, Principle Conqueror. How will The People stop them?" Zhitian asked while staring at the old servant.

Timewatcher mused for a bit and answered: "The People has All-things, Sword Queen, Darkfrost."

"Not enough." Hallowed shook his head.

"And Calamity Dao Lord?" Zhitian asked.

“Calamity is not here.” The old servant said.

“Without Calamity Dao Lord’s ultimate defense, no one will be able to stop Immortal Pagoda Conqueror’s primordial dao fruit. Seems like an unfair match.” Zhitian commented.

“The People needs to deal with their internal conflicts as soon as possible before worrying about external enemies.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Right, and I’m certain that war is only a matter of time.” Hallowed sighed in response.

“How about Azure Ancestor and Dhyana Dao Lord?” Zhitian asked curiously.

“They will not participate in the future war since they deem it as foolish.” Hallowed shook his head.

“For apex cultivators, we still have Coldflame Conqueror, Immensity Conqueror, and Apricot Dao Lord. We have to recruit them.” Timewatcher said.

“Coldflame won’t be participating.” The old servant said confidently, surprising Timewatcher and Hallowed.

“Hmm, then just those other two.” Timewatcher said.

“Apricot Dao Lord won’t show up either since she has been reclusive since the injury rumors.” Hallowed said.

“Immensity Conqueror is the last one then. If you all have to make a bet, which side will he be on?” Timewatcher said.

“Sir, which side are you on?” Hallowed suddenly asked Li Qiye.

Everyone became startled since they didn’t dare to ask Li Qiye before. They all knew that if Li Qiye were to participate in the upcoming war, he would change the entire balance.

“Not interested.” Li Qiye shook his head: “The whole distinction between The People and The Race is ridiculous. The Race has humans and The People has heaveners. Have the three great races never protected this world or harbored weaker humans and demons before?”

“Yes, the Qian and the War Monarch stood on our side against Celestial Court during Epoch Immemorial War.” Hallowed agreed.

“This foolishness stems from confusion. Who started the distinction?” Li Qiye said.

The group exchanged glances and the old servant answered: “Celestial Court.”

“There we go. Now, without destroying Celestial Court, you all will never have peace.” Li Qiye said.

Everyone became emotional, especially Li Zhitian.

Heaven Alliance was a part of Celestial Court. Moreover, destroying Celestial Court was akin to destroying the very foundation of The Race.

“Heaveners, humans, whatever, all are inhabitants of this world. Racist prejudices became extreme due to Celestial Court, the so-called protectors are actually the source of disasters.” Li Qiye said: “Of course, there is more to it behind the scene.”

“We should gather all apex cultivators to destroy Celestial Court. Count me in this time.” Timewatched laughed.

They knew that Li Qiye was right - Celestial Court was the starter of the racial conflict ever since Epoch Immemorial War.

Heaven Alliance might be under the order of Celestial Court in this attempt to break the pact. Illumination Conqueror was merely fanning the flames.

“In order for The People and The Race to live in harmony, we must first eliminate Illumination then Supreme. We change the leader of Heaven and Principle should be in charge of Divine again. Next, we have to reinstate the Pact of Blessed.” Timewatcher concluded.

Chapter 5343: No Weaklings Among Reincarnation Dao

“We’ve touched on how difficult it is to kill Illumination Conqueror.” Zhitian interjected.

“I am willing to shoulder the infamy for killing Illumination. The problem is that even if the two of us join forces, we might still lose to him, and remember, he’s not alone.” Timewatcher told Hallowed: “It has to be All-things or Sword Queen.”

“Sword Queen won’t get involved in Dao Alliance’s mess.” Hallowed shook his head: “All-things can’t do it either because if he kills Illumination, he won’t be able to stay as the leader of Dao Alliance. The dragon lords and conquerors native to the six continents will not trust him anymore.”

“You’re right.” Timewatcher admitted.

All-things came from Eight Desolaces while Dao Alliance was started by Illumination Conqueror. Thus, it wasn’t easy for All-things to become the guardian of Dao Alliance. He certainly didn’t have all of the upper echelon’s support.

A small number of those native to the six continents still viewed him as an outsider and certainly wouldn’t support an expedition against Illumination Conqueror.

Therefore, his supporters would primarily consist of those from Eight Desolaces - Skysword Dao Lord, Myriad Eye Dao Lord, Ruminant Dao Lord...

Breaking the uncomfortable balance could be detrimental to All-things. He might actually end up losing his position because Illumination was viewed as a hero by many.

If All-things were to kill Illumination, he would become vilified and face enemies from all directions. In fact, some might wonder if he was a hound of Celestial Court.

Therefore, despite knowing that he must get rid of Illumination first before dealing with Supreme, he was still shackled by the circumstances.

“Let’s go get Darkfrost to fight Illumination alone while we take care of the others. Once we’re done, we’ll take Illumination down.” Timewatcher enthusiastically suggested.

“Darkfrost might not want to join this mess.” Hallowed shook his head.

Top cultivators certainly cared about their reputation and legacy. Killing Illumination might negatively impact both.

“There is another way. Remove the shackles of your bloodline and replenish your vitality. As long as you do so, you will be able to obtain anima and kill Illumination.” Li Qiye said with a smile.

“That might take way too long.” Hallowed smiled wryly.

Hallowed was extraordinarily gifted during his youth but was limited by his cursed bloodline. Although he overcame this to an extent, it still affected him.

Moreover, his valiant effort at suppressing a forbidden zone left him near death. The injuries and negative side effects still remained.

“Big Bro, it is not too late for you to reach the apex. I don’t have a chance at all, given my crappy cultivation, so I need you to pick up my slack and give me orders.” Timewatcher said.

“Is that so?” Li Qiye smiled at him.

“I’m afraid my talent and dao are just mediocre. I cannot reach the apex.” Timewatcher humbly smiled.

Zhitian wanted to laugh because this wasn't true at all. Timewatcher was a renowned conqueror - a far cry from having "mediocre talent and dao".

"Your Reincarnation branch isn't weak at all. Your problem is a lack of determination and an inability to endure boredom. Otherwise, you have a chance of obtaining anima." Li Qiye said.

"Sigh, I've cultivated enough my entire life. If I have to keep on training, a million years will pass by in a meaningless manner, no different from being tortured eternally." Timewatcher said.

"True, it is not for everyone." Li Qiye had no problem with this response.

"When alive, what we should do is to actually live. That's what I am doing right now, enjoying every day while trying to ignore everything else." Timewatcher responded.

Zhitian was very interested in this perspective. Timewatcher might be the least ambitious conqueror he had met before.

Becoming an apex cultivator required determination and ambition. After reaching this realm, they would try to obtain anima. This didn't seem to be the case for Timewatcher.

"All I need you to do is watch Xiao Hu." Hallowed asked again.

"Big Bro, how about this, I go kill Supreme and you take care of Xiao Hu?" Timewatcher really didn't want to be a babysitter.

“Unacceptable.” Hallowed insisted.

“Boom!” Suddenly, a tsunami of power erupted, seemingly wanting to destroy the entire grotto.

“Which asshole is this? Show yourself!” Timewatcher stabilized the grotto, causing it to be radiant.

“Clank!” A gigantic sword manifested into reality and pinned itself on the grotto.

An impressive figure appeared while sword hymns resonated loudly. Behind him was an ocean of swords.

“Immortal Emperor Xu Kong!” Zhitian shouted.

“Bastard.” Timewatcher gazed intensely at the unwelcomed visitor who released all twelve heaven’s wills and their suffocating pressure.

In theory, his title should include the word “Heaven Emperor” and not Immortal Emperor. However, he respected his master and the nine worlds, resulting in a different title classification despite being a heavener from the thirteen continents.

He had nine wills in the previous epoch but eventually obtained three more. His master was none other than Immortal Emperor Hao Hai - an influential leader of Celestial Court.

In theory, he could have ascended to the immortal continent but he chose to stay to help govern Heaven Alliance instead.

“Rumble!” Eight or so conquerors appeared behind him, ready to capture Timewatcher’s grotto.

“Bringing out the big boys, I see.” Timewatcher’s eyes flashed brightly.

Chapter 5344: Still Pretentious While Marching To Battle

Immortal Emperor Xu Kong’s group didn’t hold back, unleashing their monstrous auras upon Timewatcher Conqueror’s home.

“Here to kill me.” Hallowed Dao Lord’s eyes released frightening sword rays.

“Old man, why are you here with so much fanfare? I didn’t sleep with your wife nor your daughters.” Timewatcher stepped forward and was undaunted.

“Timewatcher, we are here for Hallowed, please do not interfere.” The immortal emperor said with a serious tone.

“You say please but where is your invitation card? I only see blades drawn. I spit on your hypocrisy and your master for betraying The People and joining Celestial Court.” Timewatcher spat on the ground.

Xu Kong’s expression soured, unable to maintain a calm demeanor. Cultivators at his level were rarely offended by insults but his beloved master was included as well.

It was fine for him to be with Heaven Alliance and Celestial Court. After all, he was a heavener.

On the other hand, Immortal Emperor Hao Hai came from the nine worlds and was a part of The People.

He even fought against Celestial Court during Immemorial Epoch War but later on, he unexpectedly joined his former enemies. Thus, he was reviled as a traitorous scum and cursed for generations.

“Timewatcher, choose your words carefully now.” Xu Kong snorted.

“Am I wrong here? The whole world knows about it. Why do you care about insults when you and your master have chosen to become hounds?” Timewatcher sneered.

“Hmph.” Xu Kong ignored him and spoke to Hallowed instead: “Fellow Daoist, come with us. Don’t force us to be rude.”

“Supreme, show yourself if you’re here, don’t hide in your shell like a turtle.” Hallowed laughed.

“Fellow Daoist, I’ve always respected you.” A majestic figure in another location within Duality World answered.

Stars rotated around Supreme’s location. Wondrous phenomena accompanied him - dragons and phoenixes. Despite restraining his power, others still didn’t dare to breathe loudly in his presence.

He was clad in a silver robe and had his hair draped down the front, exuding an air of elegance. He was undoubtedly handsome during his youth. Now, he still possessed an exquisite appearance. The gleam from his eyes could dissect heaven and earth and slay the gods.

Others became startled after he revealed his location.

The old servant and the others became serious after spotting Supreme - a dragon lord looming above conquerors and dao lords.

Rumor has it that he was close to being as strong as Space Dragon Emperor and Ox-dragon Ancestor.

“What an exciting day with everyone here.” Supreme said, finally deciding to act after generations of patience.

The old servant’s eyes narrowed while Li Zhitian didn’t say anything. As for Li Qiye, he continued sipping his tea.

“Fellow Daoist Hallowed, would you like to visit Heaven Alliance for a chat?” Supreme asked.

“No need. If you want my life, come try to take it. You can bring my corpse back to Heaven Alliance if you’re successful.” Hallowed refused.

“You’re making this difficult, Fellow Daoist. You attacked me first and broke the Pact of Blessed.” Supreme said.

“Supreme, you don’t need to put on this act. We all know your ambition and how little you think of the pact. Enough of this pretension, just start the fight.” Timewatcher said.

“Rules are rules. Fellow Daoist Hallowed went to Heaven Alliance first. I believe we and the rest of the world deserve an answer for this transgression.” Supreme did truly have a transcending air about him, commanding respect.

“Take my head and you shall have what you want, infuriating Dao Alliance and igniting the next war.” Hallowed said with a smile.

“You have a vivid imagination regarding the future, Fellow Daoist. I still welcome you to Heaven Alliance if you change your mind.” Supreme shook his head.

“Trying to recruit me is a waste of time.” Hallowed responded.

“Then you will have to excuse my rudeness.” Supreme’s expression became more aggressive while his eyes gleamed menacingly, preparing for battle.

“Supreme, I don’t agree with this.” Another dignified voice joined the conversation.

“Clank!” A boundless sword dao engulfed Duality World, crossing through all three illusory realms.

The creator was a middle-aged man whose step created dao harmonization. Swords manifested into reality and made a path beneath his feet. His pace was meticulous and perfectly identical, resulting in an apogee of laws and orders.

He was none other than Swordsea Dao Lord from Eight Desolaces - another swordsman trained in one of the Nine Finality Sword Dao just like Hallowed Dao Lord.

His Vastsea Sword Dao made him virtually unbeatable on the six continents. He held a high position in Divine Alliance, respected by top cultivators from both sides.

Now, he was the new guardian of Divine Alliance after Principle Conqueror's abdication.

Chapter 5345: I Walk My Own Path

The two behemoths from Heaven and Divine Alliance arrived on the scene, causing everyone else to tremble in fear.

Supreme, a dragon that had surged through the azure, showed everyone that dragon lords weren't inferior to the imperial path. His very existence served as a spiritual totem for the dragon lords.

After all, they were often overwhelmed by dao lords and conquerors. Most felt despair at this reality. Supreme changed all of this - still becoming a leader among the top cultivators.

Strangely enough, Swordsea Dao Lord didn't seem to be on Supreme's side.

Previously, Divine Alliance wasn't as aggressive as Heaven Alliance. This trended higher under the rule of Principle Conqueror and Divine became closer to Dao and Imperial Alliance.

However, it was still a branch of The Race. After Principle Conqueror's abdication, it started becoming friendlier with Heaven Alliance.

Supreme came to deal with Hallowed Dao Lord. Thus, Swordsea Dao Lord should be supporting him right now.

“What is your wise opinion on this, Dao Brother?” Supreme asked; his charisma has yet to diminish with time.

“No wise opinion but I have a strong fate connection to Brother Hallowed. I will be the first to not allow any aggression toward him.” Swordsea got to the point.

Since he was the current leader of Divine Alliance, he spoke with confidence while guaranteeing Hallowed’s safety.

Most wouldn’t know of this connection he was referring to, only those with knowledge of their Finality Sword Dao.

“Swordsea, don’t forget your current position.” Xu Kong said menacingly.

“You need not worry about that because I don’t. I, Swordsea, walk on my own path.” Swordsea answered with a smile, undeterred by external pressure.

Others thought that his reputation of being untethered and free was true. He was helping Hallowed who had a strong relationship with All-things Dao Lord.

This was definitely going against Divine Alliance’s own interest, resulting in dissatisfaction from its high-ranking members. Swordsea didn’t seem to mind at all.

“Dao Brother, I also am a believer of cause and effect. Henceforth, my feud with Fellow Daoist Hallowed is erased.” Supreme said decisively, no longer pursuing this matter.

Although this was a slap to the face, the changes in circumstances made him change his plan.

“Supreme, you don’t need to be merciful.” Hallowed laughed and said: “If you don’t kill me today, I will kill you in the future. Your decision today affects nothing.”

“Your persistence is worthy of admiration.” Supreme said: “I’ll be waiting for our next fight to the death.”

“Good, a fight to the death next time.” Hallowed agreed.

“How lively, am I too late?” Suddenly, a voice brimming with strength sounded.

Ripples appeared in space and an old woodcutter appeared. His facial features were clearly defined as if they have been carved from a rock. The light in his eyes shined with an eternal purpose.

Li Qiye had seen him by chance before back in Immortal’s Peak.

“Illumination.” Supreme, Hallowed, and Swordsea frowned ever so slightly after seeing him.

Another apex cultivator had joined the fun - the founder of Dao Alliance and the progenitor of Azure School.

This mortal who came from a humble family managed to become a real threat to The Race. As his dao progressed, so did his kill count of those from The Race.

Because of his insistence on fighting Heaven Alliance during his prime, he became a hero for The People. Some dao lords and conquerors chose to follow him in order to fight against their mortal enemies.

This culminated in the creation of Dao Alliance - a way for The People to defend themselves. Unfortunately, Illumination started becoming more extreme, going as far as persecuting those who didn't support him.

Internal strife started within The People and even dragged The Race in with it. This was the start of the conflict known as Emperor War. The casualties were high enough for people to call it a second Immemorial Epoch War.

Chapter 5346: Destroying Heaven Alliance And Eradicating The Race

Illumination Conqueror started Azure School after losing Emperor War. He lived reclusively for a long period before starting to appear again in recent times. This worried many top cultivators since history could repeat itself.

Opinions toward him were divisive with one exception - none doubted his strength.

"We meet again, gentlemen." Illumination said with a smile.

“Illumination, you are as stubborn as a haunting specter.” Swordsea glared coldly at him.

“Untrue since I always operate in broad daylight.” Illumination responded.

“True, hence your unsavory reputation.” Swordsea sneered.

“I can’t compete with you when it comes to having a bad reputation.” Illumination retorted.

It was obvious that these two did not like each other.

The gleam in Swordsea’s eyes told everyone that he wanted to fight. One slash from him could tear the world asunder.

“Illumination, feel free to call me a traitor directly.” Swordsea said: “I don’t care about races, only my own dao. I cut whoever blocks my path, which was why I raised my sword against you.”

Meanwhile, more and more spectators in Duality came to observe this potential skirmish between apex cultivators.

It was no secret that Swordsea Dao Lord joined Dao Alliance after ascending from Eight Desolaces. However, he joined Divine Alliance during Emperor War.

Many from The People considered this a traitorous move. They didn’t understand the reason for his betrayal but certainly didn’t forgive him for it.

On the other hand, Swordsea didn't care for public opinion and only focused on his own dao. In his eyes, both The Race and The People were the same. He only chose the side that was more suitable for him. If this were to change with Divine Alliance, he would have no qualms about leaving.

"I'm afraid you have forgotten your initial purpose, this will cause stagnation in your dao." Illumination said.

"My purpose is the dao itself. I came from Eight Desolaces and had no problem with The Race. Nonetheless, I pity you for being devoured by your own vengeance and becoming its puppet." Swordsea retorted.

Listeners took a deep breath because few in this world would dare to talk to Illumination Conqueror like this.

Some thought that Swordsea was completely right. This included some big shots from The People since they still remembered how tyrannical Illumination Conqueror became during Emperor War.

"Well said!" Timewatcher laughed and said: "The two people I despise the most are here right now, Illumination and Supreme. One is blinded by hatred while the other doesn't know when to stop. I'm sure the world will be a better place without you two."

"I do what I must to strengthen my race." Supreme smiled, unoffended by the comment.

"My pursuit is to destroy Heaven Alliance and eradicate The Race." Illumination declared.

“Bah! Don’t try to sound grandiose now. Illumination, your life has been controlled by hatred and a fear of not knowing what to do outside of vying for vengeance. As for you, Supreme, you only want to establish an eternal mark on history. Your talk of noble aspirations and righteousness is just a way to hide your ugly vanity.” Timewatcher sneered: “How pitiful, so strong yet can’t even face the truth of who you are.”

“I do agree with one line, that this world will be a better place without you two.” Hallowed remarked.

“Since you’re both here right now, why not kill each other, the biggest obstacle to your goal?” Timewatcher laughed.

“That’s not a bad idea at all. Strengthening The Race and destroying Heaven Alliance, now is the best chance.” Li Qiye took a sip of tea and added.

All eyes were on Illumination and Supreme now. Since these two were here, why not settle it once and for all?

“I will entertain you, Illumination, if you wish to fight.” Supreme appeared elegant and dignified while standing alone in space. Using the word “elegance” to describe a man seemed unfitting. However, it was just right for Supreme.

He might be the only dragon lord who would dare to challenge Illumination - a conqueror who had killed countless top cultivators from The Race.

In fact, this surprised everyone including Timewatcher who tried to egg them on. None expected Supreme to actually challenge Illumination right now.

The spotlight fell upon Illumination - would he accept the direct challenge?

"I see that you wish to fight me, Supreme. However, my plan does not stop at you alone." Illumination said with a smile.

"What is your plan then? Do tell since everyone is here." Timewatcher was interested to hear the answer.

Chapter 5347: Kill Everyone Here!

"How about killing everyone here?" Illumination spoke with a mysterious smile.

This immediately surprised everyone since they heard him clearly.

"That's a bold statement to make." Swordsea stared at him intensely. Someone of his status wouldn't bluster to this level.

The old servant and the others also paid careful attention to Illumination, preparing for the worst.

How could Illumination alone kill everyone here? Spectators thought that it was impossible given the field - Supreme and Swordsea were just as strong.

Moreover, Heaven Alliance had more conquerors and dao lords present as well on top of Immortal Emperor Xu Kong.

“Illumination, I hope you have an army behind you or some monstrous ace cards in order to kill all of us.” Timewatcher was curious like the rest.

No one thought that Illumination would be able to defeat all of them. If he were in possession of such power, he wouldn't have been chased out of Dao Alliance previously.

“Just me alone.” Illumination gazed at the group.

“Make your move then!” Hallowed Dao Lord channeled his power and sword dao. He wanted to kill Illumination and pave the road for solidarity.

Despite knowing the odds, no one dared to take Illumination lightly. They all channeled their defensive barriers while thinking of attacking him without holding back.

“I apologize for what comes next.” Illumination's eyes flashed brightly as he summoned a badge and shouted: “Heed my wish, destroy everything here!”

The enigmatic and ancient rune of the word “command” on the order became resplendent.

“A Dream Immortal Order!” Everyone's expression soured.

Spectators from a distance started running. However, some shook their head and said: “Running is useless, this is Duality World.”

“Buzz.” After making his wish, the badge turned into the shape of an eye.

Light gathered into that single point and the eye collapsed from his grasp. Darkness descended as if there was a gigantic palm looming above everyone.

“It’s activated, shit!” A big shot shouted in horror.

“The bastard’s really trying to kill us too!” Another cursed.

The particular badge came from Dream Paradise. Rumor has it that there were only five badges in existence.

The owner of the badge could make a wish in Dream Paradise and it would come true - whether it be obtaining a supreme merit law or anything else within its territorial constraint. Not even an apex conqueror could resist its power.

According to the legend, the renowned Calamity Dao Lord was trapped inside Dream Paradise despite having the ultimate defense. His fate remained unknown.

Since Duality World stretched across all three realms, it was considered inside Dream Paradise.

“Boom!” A flood of invisible power stopped everyone from leaving.

Even the fastest cultivator capable of leaping through dimensions couldn’t be able to escape. Dream Paradise had fully closed this area.

There seemed to be immortals from above. Everything beneath felt insignificant in comparison; resistance was futile even for apex cultivators.

“Is this it?!” The big shots bellowed in astonishment.

Timewatcher and the others channeled their power and grand dao.

Hallowed unleashed a sacred slash capable of illuminating the world. Timewatched summoned a wheel of time and tried to hide himself in the reincarnation cycle. Immortal Emperor Xu Kong summoned all twelve wills. They spread behind him like a peacock’s tail.

Alas, this couldn’t contend against the power of Dream Paradise.

“Illumination, you can’t do this!” The neutral crowd members from The People roared furiously.

“Heed my wish, nullify the previous command!” During this perilous moment, Supreme shouted and took out another dream order.

Chapter 5348: You Fool

The badge in Supreme’s hand became resplendent as well, also turning into an immortal eye.

It collapsed and fell out of his palm, signifying the acceptance of the wish.

“Rumble!” The darkness suddenly receded along with the suppressive power.

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief, feeling as if they had just survived a fatal disaster.

That power just now would have killed everyone including Supreme and Swordsea Dao Lord. Fortunately, Supreme traded his own badge in order to nullify Illumination’s wish.

“The rumor was true, Heaven Alliance really had an immortal order.” Someone wiped the sweat off their forehead while murmuring.

In this split second, Illumination immediately tried to flee from Duality World. Otherwise, he would be surrounded and killed by the enraged crowd.

He didn’t only try to kill Supreme and the enemies just now but also those from The People such as Hallowed and Timewatcher, even the neutral spectators.

“Pop! Pop! Pop!” Li Qiye appeared out of nowhere and slapped him several times while criticizing: “You fool.”

Despite Illumination’s lifetime of dominance and a defense only breakable by other apex cultivators, he couldn’t do anything against the slap and had to take it like an obedient child.

“Pop!” He got slapped a dozen times or so, losing many teeth in the process. His cheeks became swollen and his lips bloodied.

This was a new low for him but this was not the time to care about face. After Li Qiye was finished, he immediately ran out of Duality World, leaving behind astounded spectators.

Although he had lost before and was forced into seclusion, it didn't come close to this level of humiliation.

"The asshole deserved it." Timewatcher regained his wits and started clapping.

Everyone in Duality World wished to kill Illumination Conqueror for his extreme act just now and had no problem with Timewatcher's foul language.

Of course, some were still shaken by Li Qiye's power. They didn't know who he was and thought that no one would believe this story.

"Sir, Dao Brother." Swordsea Dao Lord slightly bowed in the direction of Li Qiye and the old servant before leaving.

"Farewell, everyone." Supreme also disappeared from sight. Immortal Emperor Xu Kong and the others retreated as well.

Next came the neutral spectators. They had to leave in order to digest the series of events just now.

Illumination Conqueror attempting to kill everyone was shocking enough. However, his being slapped by an unknown cultivator shook them to the core.

With everyone gone, Timewatcher sealed his grotto again.

“The upper continents will not have peace with Illumination around.” He said strongly.

As a playboy, he preferred loving rather than fighting. Alas, he still wanted to kill Illumination.

“The People cannot be united as long as he is alive.” Hallowed agreed, no longer focusing on Supreme.

“What is your opinion, Sir?” He asked Li Qiye.

“Do it if you can.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Will you help us, Sir?” Timewatcher shamelessly asked.

“I’m not interested in being involved.” Li Qiye took a sip and said.

In reality, they already knew the answer since Li Qiye only slapped Illumination and didn’t kill him.

“Those who walk on the right path will receive help from all sides while the reverse is true. Illumination Conqueror’s extremist actions won’t win him any fans, he’ll be abandoned soon enough.” Li Zhitian said.

“I’m afraid Dao Alliance can’t wait that long.” The old servant said.

“Yes, I think Divine and Heaven Alliance will band together soon enough. No one is caring about the Pact of Blessed either.” Hallowed nodded in agreement.

“I don’t blame them because Illumination Conqueror was the one who tore the pact. If an apex cultivator doesn’t care, others won’t either.” Timewatcher said.

“This might have been part of Supreme’s plan.” Zhitian murmured.

“Yes, his dream order was well-spent. Since Illumination attacked first, now he has justifications to attack Dao Alliance, whether it be in terms of justice or personal retribution.”

“I don’t think Illumination minds either because All-things will be under more pressure. He will be taking advantage of this escalation somehow.” Timewatcher sneered.

“Chaos is coming, we must be getting ready.” The old servant said.

“Don’t you mean your clan should be getting ready?” Timewatcher stared at him.

Chapter 5349: Young Noble, We’re Counting On You

The old servant took a deep breath and bowed toward Li Qiye: “Master, may I take leave temporarily? I wish to return home and see my family.”

His clan was mighty and had produced numerous conquerors. Time was changing with the pact nullified. This meant that war could break out at any moment between the two sides.

Either Supreme or Illumination could be the first to make a move. They had garnered enough followers to cause considerable damage to the upper continents. Moreover, neutrality was most likely not an option.

At that point, which side would his clan pick? Of course, he himself knew that this wasn't the crucial matter.

Standing on Li Qiye's side was the right choice. That's the only way for his clan to survive and prosper.

Thus, his return was warranted to warn his fellow clan members from doing foolish matters during the incoming war.

"Go." Li Qiye smiled at him and waved.

He bowed again before telling the rest: "Next time, gentlemen."

Li Zhitian also wanted to leave since he shared the same issue with his own clan. In fact, it might be in a worse situation because they were on the side of Heaven Alliance and Celestial Court. This has been the case since its foundation.

Therefore, would Imperial support Heaven Alliance or stay neutral? The latter wasn't so simple.

Furthermore, he didn't hold the same authority. The old man's words were law so he was in charge of his clan's fate.

Although Zhitian was a supreme genius with twelve sacred fruits, he didn't have actual decision-making power. Nonetheless, he made up his mind to not let the clan be involved in the war.

"Young Noble, I will have to leave now. I won't be as distracted next time and will serve you better." Zhitian bowed and said humbly.

He understood that serving Li Qiye was a great fortune. Others coveted this opportunity but didn't have the same luck.

"It's fine." Li Qiye nodded and smiled.

After Zhitian's departure, Timewatcher smiled and said: "Those from the Lu and the Li are rather wise."

"Of course, they hope for peace between the two sides. After all, if one side could actually win, it would have done it a long time ago." Hallowed responded.

Meanwhile, Xiao Hu who has been serving them tea finally spoke: "Young Noble, you don't have anyone to serve you right now, will you allow this lowly one the honor?"

Li Qiye chuckled after hearing this. Timewatcher clapped and said: "What a smart boy, abandoning my old bones and sucking up to a bigger mountain right away."

“Junior Uncle, I do not dare to bother you since you are too busy.” Xiao Hu said while still serving the group tea.

“This is a great idea, I don’t have to worry if the young noble takes you in.” Timewatcher laughed.

“Look, this is Xiao Hu’s decision, not mine. I can go with you to Dao Alliance now to gather a crew for killing Illumination.” He told Hallowed.

“Very well.” Hallowed agreed this time and bowed toward Li Qiye: “Young Noble, I entrust him to you.”

Having said that, the two ran away instantly without waiting for Li Qiye’s answer.

“Young Noble, I’ll be a better host next time!” Timewatcher’s voice echoed back.

Only Li Qiye and Xiao Hu were left in the grotto. The latter didn’t mind and still calmly served Li Qiye.

“Got any plans?” Li Qiye asked.

“I haven’t thought about it.” Xiao Hu took a moment before answering.

“Want to become a conqueror?” Li Qiye asked.

“I haven’t thought about cultivation too much. I only wanted to stay with my master and take care of him. He saved me from starving to death when I was an orphan.” Xiao Hu said.

“A heart full of filial piety and gratitude.” Li Qiye praised: “What would you like to do if your master is no longer around?”

Xiao Hu took his time contemplating before answering: “I enjoyed our time in the noodle shop, working and cultivating just a little. Can’t ask for more than those peaceful days.”

“Do you want to become someone like him?” Li Qiye asked.

“Well...” Xiao Hu scratched his head and said: “Not really, he’s tired because he can’t let go despite trying.”

“Yes, and people don’t have to follow the path of their predecessors.” Li Qiye said.

“I’m walking a different path right now by following you, Young Noble.” Xiao Hu answered right away.

After following his master for so long, he understood that Hallowed didn’t want him to be involved in the war. Despite being strong for his age, he had no chance of surviving a conflict between conquerors and dao lords.

This was the reason why Hallowed tried to entrust him to Timewatcher. Now, Li Qiye was an even better choice.

Xiao Hu didn't want to let his master down and plus, this was certainly an honor.

"Boom!" Suddenly, a loud explosion caused Dream Paradise to shake, the same for Duality World.

An immortal light with an eternal power lit up the entire world, seemingly paving a magical path across Duality World.

Chapter 5350: Visiting The Lord of Dream Paradise

The light seemed to be attracted by something. Numerous rays and particles gathered together to form a maelstrom within Dream Paradise.

It twisted and turned before taking the final form of an abyss, seemingly splitting Dream Paradise into two halves and leaving an indelible scar.

"Dream Abyss is opening!" Everyone became interested in this event, whether it be regular or apex cultivators.

"Shall I be the one this time?" A mighty conqueror gazed at the abyss and murmured.

"There will be anima dreamwater." A peerless dragon lord became impatient.

The older cultivators that have reached a bottleneck felt their heart beating faster.

"Perhaps I can reconstruct my dao..." One of them whispered.

“Hold your horses, everyone, Dream Abyss isn’t a nice place for a vacation. One mistake and there’s no returning.” A top cultivator told his friends.

“We must go either way.” Another in his group insisted.

Many dragon lords, conquerors, and dao lords began leaving their grotto, heading for the abyss.

“This is my last chance.” A dragon lord who was stuck in his current realm fantasized.

“Dream Abyss...” Xiao Hu was startled to see the opening of the abyss.

“You want to go?” Li Qiye smiled.

“My master rambled on and on about it before. He doesn’t ask for much but I know he wouldn’t mind a bottle of anima dreamwater. His bottleneck is too serious for normal cultivation.” Xiao Hu smiled wryly while scratching his head.

“Has he been there before?” Li Qiye asked.

“He said that it has to do with fortune and fate. Even if he were to find it, he might not be able to grasp it either. Plus, he’s not one to believe in utilizing external help for cultivation.” Xiao Hu said.

“He’s not wrong, cultivation relies on the heart and mind. If he keeps on trying, he’ll break through eventually.” Li Qiye said.

“But Swordsea Dao Lord and the others have obtained anima.” Xiao Hu said: “My master is not inferior to them, whether it be his talent or dao heart. He always trained as well but still couldn’t move on.”

Having said that, he lowered his voice and said: “Do you know that he is training with a heavenly scripture too? One of the nine dao of Finality Sword. He even ascended to the upper continents before Swordsea Dao Lord.”

Hallowed Dao Lord ascended earlier but was eventually surpassed by Swordsea and Darkfrost Dao Lord.

Today, Swordsea was the guardian of Divine Alliance while Darkfrost was renowned as a mighty cultivator.

Xiao Hu didn’t care for his master being weaker and only worried about the potential complications resulting from his dao stagnation.

“He has to fully erase the shackles of his bloodline. Otherwise, it would take a long, long time for him to break through.” Li Qiye said.

“Would the dreamwater be helpful in this case? Will it allow him to obtain anima?” Xiao Hu asked.

“So that’s why you want to go to the abyss?” Li Qiye asked.

“Young Noble, you think too highly of me. Even if I were to be suicidal enough to go to the abyss, how can I ever hope to obtain the dreamwater given my meager skills? I cannot compete against the seniors and will only make my master mourn my death. I do not want to become a sinner.” Xiao Hu said.

“You’re right.” Li Qiye smiled.

“Master said that Apricot Dao Lord, an apex cultivator, forcefully delved into the abyss and only came back with grievous injuries. She still is recovering right now.” Xiao Hu said: “And then there was Calamity Dao Lord as well. Have you heard about his ultimate defense? I think he’s still trapped there so although I really want to get him some dreamwater, I know my limits.”

“Self-awareness is a virtue.” Li Qiye smiled: “Okay, we’ll be going to the abyss.”

“!” Xiao Hu became startled before happily exclaiming: “Really?!”

“Of course.” Li Qiye stretched and said.

“I don’t think you care for the dreamwater, right, Young Noble?” Xiao Hu asked.

“Right, I’m going to see an old friend.” Li Qiye glanced at the abyss and said.

“An old friend in the abyss?” Xiao Hu whispered: “People actually stay there?”

“What do you think the abyss is?” Li Qiye asked.

“Hmm... from what I’ve heard, the three illusory realms seem to be different dimensions. I am unsure if they are dreams or actual realities with living beings.” Xiao Hu answered.

“Yes, different dimensions.” Li Qiye said.

“I know! You’re going to see the lord of Dream Paradise!” Xiao Hu blurted out.

“Correct, I got some business to take care of.” Li Qiye smiled.

“The lord of Dream Paradise...” Xiao Hu tried to imagine this entity.

His master was one of the strongest cultivators in the world. He and his peers had created grottos in these boundless and mystical illusory realms.

The master of Dream Paradise must be on a higher level compared to apex cultivators.

“So there are Dream Immortal Orders, the lord must be an immortal.” Xiao Hu asked with curiosity.

“Immortals don’t exist.” Li Qiye said.

“But Master told me that some have obtained immortality, isn’t that the final path for dao lord and conqueror? You don’t consider them immortals?” Xiao Hu asked. In his mind, anyone on the path with anima had a chance of becoming immortal in the future.